read the confessions of Sir Ferdmando, declaring that he -was a great dissuader of the Earl from his attempts, and of his consultations with the two Earls So the Earl of Essex desired to 1me Sir Ferdmando face to face and endeavoured to invalidate the credit of his evidence by the paleness and discomposure of his looks

Divers other examinations also were read, as of Sir Charles Danvers, Sir John Davies, Sir Christopher Blount, the Earl of Rutland, the Lord Cromwell, the Lord Sandys, the Lord Mounteagle When all had been read Mr Attorney declared how all these depositions agreed and jumped together in each particular point, notwithstanding they were all severally examined, and without rack or torture To which the Earl of Essex answered that all were moved by the self same fear and the self same examiner , adding thereto that his intention vtas to have come with eight or nine honourable persons who had cause of discontentment unto her Majesty, and prostrating themselves at her feet to have put themselves at her mercy, desiring her to sever from her Majesty some that abused her ears with false informations, namely my Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Ralegh

When some further wrangling words had passed, Mr Francis Bacon arose and spake, saying that my Lord of Essex was like Pisistratus, that had a purpose to procure the subversion of a kingdom, and wanting aid for the accomplishing of his humour entered the city, and cut his body overthwart to the end they might conjecture he had been in danger Further, said he, all that my Lord could answer to the charges were but shadows, and therefore it were best to confess and not to justify Whilst

Mr Bacon was speaking my Lord interrupted him, saying that Mr Bacon had written a letter on his behalf to the Queen, which Mr Bacon justified saying,[c] I loved my Lord as long as he continued a dutiful subject, and spent more hours in making him a good servant than ever I did about my own business *

[c] I acknowledge all your gifts/ replied the Earl Then went he on to charge Sir Robert Cecil that he had declared to some of his fellow Councillors that the Infanta of Spain had better title to the Crown than some others of their competitors, and more to the like effect